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Oregon Employment Update



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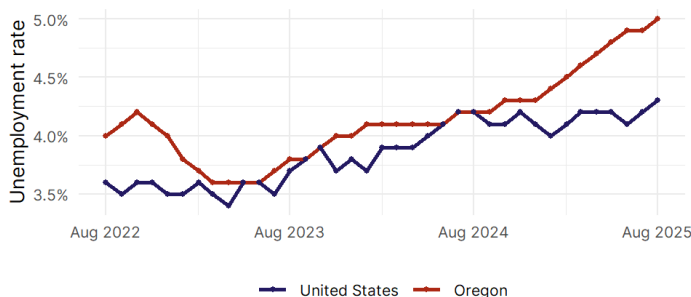
United States Employment Snapshot

- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

Oregon Employment Snapshot

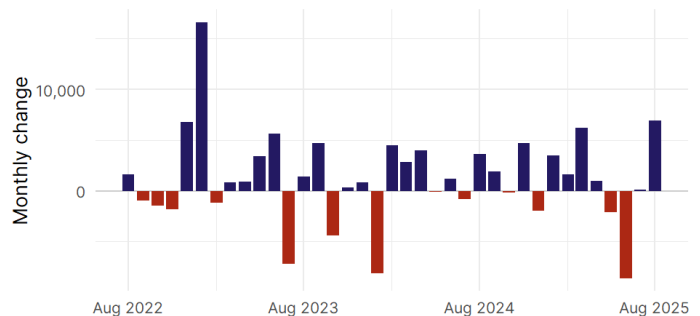
- In August, **Oregon added 6,900 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 5 percent.** In the prior month, Oregon added 100 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Oregon added 13,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.8 percentage points from 4.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Oregon is **tied for 27th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Oregon's private sector added 5,800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 13,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Oregon lost 700 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Oregon **rose by 1,243**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 2,447.
- **Oregon's labor force participation rate rose to 62.9 percent** in August from 62.8 percent and **ranks 25th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.2 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Oregon
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Oregon
August 2022 to August 2025



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